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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.

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NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Judah Choir:

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God's Chosen Choir:

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Youth Choir:

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BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

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CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

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NOTE: THE SUNDAY 12:15PM MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE 10:00AM MASS.

- SAT. 09/05/2020 5:00PM**
People of the Parish
- SUN. 09/06/2020 7:30AM**
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Nicolau M. Fernandes (D)
 Maria S. Jayakumar
Gaston Joseph, Sr. (D)
 Sr. Theresa Sue Joseph, SSF
Bernice Murray Ceaser (D)
 Special Intention
André Jacques Durall (D)
 Karen Stephenson
- SUN. 09/06/2020 10:00AM**
Wanda F. Johnson (L)
 Florence McChristian
Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.
 Wanda Dixon/Family
Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L)
 The Chaney Family
Peter Buckman (D) – The Chaney Family
Michael Van Johnson (L) – P.A. Piper
All Healthcare Essentials and Their Families (L) – Grateful Neighbors
- MON. 09/07/2020 7:00AM**
Randel Sinnette (L) – Marie White
Mary Mae & Dewey Francis (D)
 Francis Family
- TUE. 09/08/2020 7:00AM**
Mary L. Zenon (D) – Unella Baber
Ina Jackson Levine (D) – Patricia Mouton
- WED. 09/09/2020 7:00AM**
Lessie L. Cross (D)
 Levan & Dolores Ledet
Joseph Broussard (D) – Broussard Family
- THUR. 09/10/2020 7:00AM**
Mary K. Zenon (D) – Mary Hardin
Jeanie Marie Thibodeaux (L)
 Special Intention
- FRI. 09/11/2020 7:00AM**
Joseph Gilbert Mire (D) – The Family



Deacon Alfred Abram, Bridgett Burnett, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Mary Augustine Chenier, Dalton Cooper Jr., Frank Davis Sr, Frank Davis Jr, Nicole Fontenet, Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Shannon Martin, Willie Martin Jr., Dorothy Milstead, Donita Nelson, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Betty Patrick, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Sheryl Pratts, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Sarah Pugh, Stanley Rems, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Oliver Rose, Mary Sias, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Benito Valdez, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Sharon Zenon Williams, and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

Let us Know

Please let us know when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery. Call the Parish Office so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers and/or visitation if needed. **After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country.

Army:

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Shanta Charles, Josiah Charles, Patrick Clay Jr, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson

Air Force:

Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

NEW OFFICE HOURS

- Monday..... Closed**
Tuesday.....9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday.... 9:00am to 5:00pm
Thursday..... Closed
Friday..... 9:00am to 3:00pm

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



God calls Ezekiel to be watchman for the house of Israel. God wants him to intervene to lead sinners back to God. Paul reminds us that we are

commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus tells his disciples that they must draw sinners to reconciliation with themselves, each other, and the entire church. As we listen to today's readings, let us reflect on whom we need to be reconciled with and resolve to do so.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – September 6

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Monday – September 7

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Psalms 5:5-6, 7, 12

Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday – September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4 or Romans 8:28-30

Psalms 13:6

Matthew 1:1-16 or 1:18-23

Wednesday – September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17

Luke 6:20-26

Thursday – September 10

1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13

Psalms 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24

Luke 6:27-38

Friday – September 11

1 Corinthians 9:16-19

Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12

Luke 6:39-42

Saturday – September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Psalms 116:12-13, 17-18

Luke 6:43-49



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Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ



CCE Registration forms are available on the Parish Website:

www.sfxhouston.com.

Completed forms can be mailed to the Parish Office or dropped in the Harris Center Mailbox. Saturday Classes for Pre-K thru 5th grade will start on **October 10th** and Monday Classes for 6th grade thru High School on **October 12th**. Any questions please call the CCE Dept at (713) 731-2775 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9:30am-3:00pm.



As the school year quickly approaches, St. Mary of the Purification has the following employment opportunities:

- 2 Full-time Teacher Aides in Pre-K 3 thru Kindergarten
- 4 Aftercare Workers

Interested candidates should send an Email to the principal, Mrs. Lois Goudeau, lgoudeau@stmaryshoustonsschool.org.

RCIA

The initiation of catechumens and candidates will be scheduled at an appropriate time before the year ends. Registration for the 2020-2021 Class is available on the Parish Website: www.sfxhouston.com



KPC NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Krystal Willis – Jr. Ct. 138

- Willie L. Polk Jr. Memorial \$2,500 Scholarship
- 4th Degree Knights Scholarship
- 4th Degree Ladies of Grace Scholarship

Lady Elaine Mathews – Ct. 138

- Silver Medal of Merit

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on August 29th and 30th was 151. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by 149. Please join us on Facebook, or bring a friend and come worship with us in the church. You must wear a mask to attend all services in the church.

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Tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 20 for \$100.00. Each household is asked to sell at least 2 books.

Drawing: October 18, 2020 after the 10:00am Mass.

Winner Need Not Be Present

Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Stewardship Reflection

That each of us may have the strength and courage to put Jesus first above worldly ways and material gains. "You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - Ezekiel 33:7 Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.



Joy Stout passed away on August 22, 2020 at the age of **89**. A funeral Mass was celebrated on September 5th.

Joseph Bobb, Jr passed away on August 28, 2020 at the age of **74**. A funeral Mass is scheduled for September 9th.



If you were living in the United States on April 1, it is your legal and civic duty to complete the 2020 US Census, regardless of your immigration status. The Census is IMPORTANT because it is used to distribute \$1.5 Trillion in federal funds between the states. These funds are used for disaster recovery, healthcare, education, housing, transportation and much more. It is EASY to complete online at www.my2020Census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-368-2020 (Español) or by mailing in your written Census form. Your answers are completely confidential and can never be used against you by any agency, court, or person.

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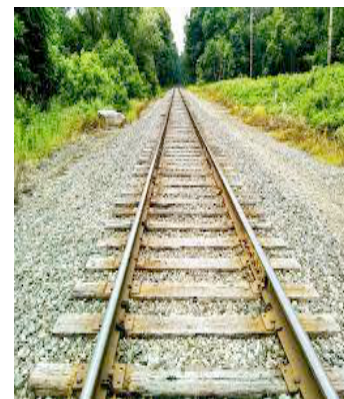
If you are 65 years old or older, or have a disability, you should have received a Mail-Ballot Request Form. All you have to do is mail in the form and you'll get your General Election ballot mailed to you. You can cast your vote for President, U.S. Senate, and other candidates without leaving your home. Your personal information and your vote will always be secret. Your ballot is anonymous, and no one will know how you vote. **NEW FOR 2020:** You now have the option of personally taking your ballot to the Clerk's office.



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September 6, 2020

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.” Ezekiel 33:7



I am partly responsible for the salvation of my brothers & my sisters

Whenever things go wrong in my life; particularly with family--I first ask myself a question. How is my relationship with God? That might explain why this or that is falling apart or unraveling before me. If my relationship with God is off the track, then everything else that hooks up to the train of my life is going to jump the tracks also.

If my relationship with God is off the track, then my marriage (though I am not married) will eventually drift off the tracks. My finances may begin to derail. If I am an entrepreneur, my business may come off the tracks. That's why we attend church or watch it on-line--so we can worship and praise the Lord and keep our relationship with God on track--through prayer, teaching and, preaching. Jesus is the tracks and the destination is to our Heavenly Father. Jesus told Thomas, the disciple that doubted His resurrection, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* John 14:6

In the readings from the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle/Year A)-I would like to mention two things that will keep us on track in following Jesus. The First Reading is taken from Ezekiel 33:7-9. The prophet Ezekiel was appointed by God to be a watchman for the house of Israel. He was to warn God's people that if they did not make a change in their lives, they were in danger of being disconnected from the Lord.

1. Every Christian needs someone in their life (a watchman) who has the right to challenge them about their behavior. You need to have somebody in your life who has permission to confront you; so you can stay on track.

Nathan, the prophet confronted King David about his adulterous relationship, and

David repented and sought God's forgiveness (2 Samuel 12:1-7). A watchman also will point out blind spots, which are areas in our lives we don't see as wrong, but they are.

2. Listen to your offender, and if necessary, repent (turn away) from the behavior which caused the offense. (Matthew 18:15).

The person you offended may bring light and salvation to an area of your life that once was dark. In the late 1970s, I and a friend of mine were in my new car-1976 Chevrolet Malibu. She had her two-year-old son in the back in a car seat. On the way home, a car next to me changed lanes and struck my car. We pulled over in a gas station parking lot. I was so angry and upset that I jumped out of my car, and asked the guy, "didn't you see me? "Didn't you see me? He acknowledged that he never saw me. After the police left the scene. I got back in the car with my two passengers. My friend told me, "Michael, you never asked how I and my son were doing." "You never checked on us to see if we were hurt." I gave her a mean stare, but she was right! The only thing I cared about was my car. I had offended her and she told me about my fault. I was so materialistic-that it hurt her deeply. I told her I was sorry, and that I was so happy that she and her son were not injured.

Whenever I am tempted to put material things before people, I remember that incident which happened over 40 years ago. It keeps my relationship with Jesus on track. We are partly responsible for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

◇◇ Dcn. Jenkins

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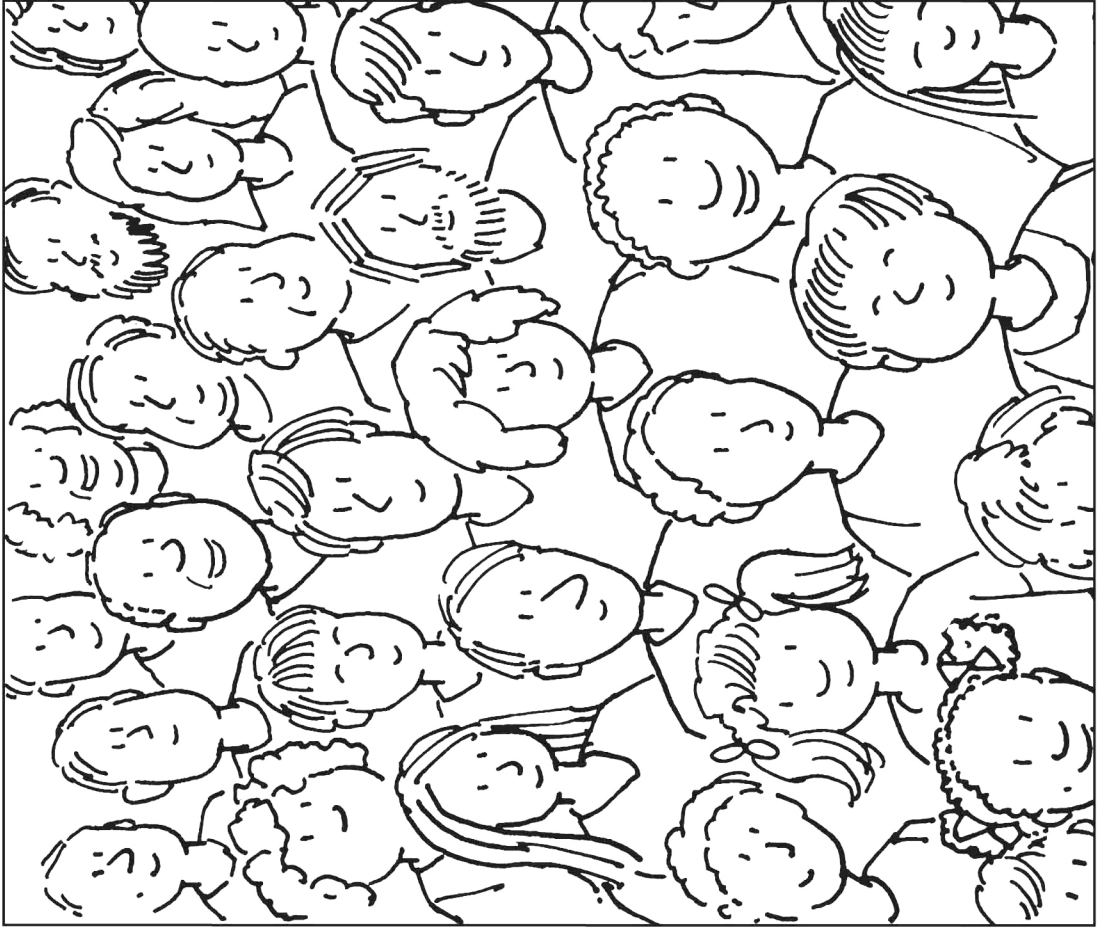
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Jesus said, "When 2 or 3
come together in My name,
then there I am with them."



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Ages 3+

September 6, 2020 • Matthew 18:15-20

True Greatness

When a friend is upset at you,
talk to the friend alone.

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I think she's upset with me.



Are you upset with me?



Are you upset with me?



Are you upset with me?



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